

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King (R-IA) today responded to a proposal put forth by Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) that would give amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants.

**“We currently have our highest national unemployment rate in 30 years and millions of Americans are out of work or worried about losing their jobs. In our current economic crisis, Americans cannot afford to lose more jobs to illegal workers.**

**“This is the time for the Obama administration to accelerate enforcement of immigration laws to make room for unemployed Americans, not grant amnesty to millions of lawbreakers. If President Obama is serious about helping displaced workers find jobs, he will enforce our immigration laws, stop the hiring of illegal workers and allow the 21 million out of work Americans to get back to work. We must not reward lawbreakers at the expense of hard-working and smart-working Americans.”**